

**AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A modular jack connector assembly comprising:  
a dielectric housing having a front and rear orientation and defining at least one receptacle adapted for receiving a[n RJ standard compliant ]mating plug;  
a plurality of contacts disposed in said housing, each contact being secured to a rear portion of said housing, each contact extending forward into said receptacle from said rear portion to a free end such that a portion of said contact forward of said rear portion electrically connects with a mating plug when the mating plug is received within said receptacle; and  
wherein said housing defines a slot traversing said contacts and being suitable for receiving an edge of a circuit board, and wherein a connection portion of each contact extends from said rear portion of said housing into said slot such that when said housing is mounted to a circuit board a portion of said connection portion makes contact with the circuit board.

16. (Amended) A modular jack connector assembly comprising:  
a dielectric housing having a front and rear orientation and defining at least one receptacle adapted for receiving an RJ standard compliant mating plug; and  
a plurality of contacts disposed in said housing, each contact being secured to a rear portion of said housing, each contact extending forward into said receptacle

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~~from said rear portion to a free end such that a portion of said contact forward of said rear portion electrically connects with a mating plug when the mating plug is received within said receptacle wherein said contacts are less thick and more narrow than those conforming to the RJ-standard.~~

A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Please add the following new claims 24-26:

-24. The assembly of claim 1, wherein each contact consists of essentially of said free end connected to an upwardly angled section, said upwardly angled section being connected to an elongated arm portion, said elongated arm portion being connected the connection portion.

25. The assembly of claim 24, wherein said connection portion is curved around said rear portion to anchor said contact in said housing.

26. The assembly of claim 24, wherein said upwardly angled section extends from said free end at an angle of about 30 to 45 degrees from a lower wall of said housing, and said elongated arm portion extends from said upwardly angled section at an angle of between about 5 and 15 degrees from said lower wall.--